

# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant: Bircann, et al.

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For: SLEEVELESS SOLENOID FOR  
A LINEAR ACTUATOR

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## PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.181

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Abandonment mailed on January 21, 2003, Applicants respectfully request that this Notice of Abandonment be vacated and the holding of abandonment be withdrawn. The notice of Abandonment indicated that the application was held abandoned for failure to respond to an Office Action dated May 9, 2002. Applicants respectfully submit that this Notice of Abandonment was issued in error because Applicants did, in fact, timely respond to the Office action.

Applicant's attorney, the undersigned, filed a timely Response to the Office

Action on August 9, 2002. A complete copy of the Response, which bares a certificate of mailing, dated August 9, 2002 is enclosed with this petition. Also enclosed, is a copy of the postcard receipt wherein the USPTO acknowledged receipt of the response on August 14, 2002.

For the above stated reason, it is respectfully requested that the application be restored to pending status and an Office Action be promptly issued. No fee is required.

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Respectfully submitted,



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